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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D. Political Science 2022 (expected)

Dissertation: "Competition and Deference in the Political Economy of Aid"

Exams: International Relations, International Political Economy

Committee: Matthew S. Winters (chair), Xinyuan Dai, Robert Pahre, Robert Carroll

Eastern Illinois University, M.A. Political Science 2016

Greenville University, B.A. History & Political Science, Philosophy (*Summa Cum Laude*, with honors) 2015

RESEARCH

Journal Articles

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "[Gender in the Pulpit: Differences in Speaking Style for Men and Women.](#)" *Journal of Communication and Religion* 42(1): 63-82.

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "[The Use of Social Media by Religious Leaders: Evangelical Leaders and Twitter.](#)" *Journal of Religion, Media and Digital Culture* 8(3): 309-39.

Working Papers and Works-in-Progress

"Targeting Civil War: Intra-state Conflict and the Opportunity-cost of Foreign Aid." (Under Review).

"Competition and Deference in the Political Economy of Foreign Aid: How Donor Interests and Recipient Need Shape Strategic Reactions in Aid Allocation." (Working Paper)

"Xinhua Coverage of Chinese Foreign Aid Allocations." With Lucie Lu (Work-in-Progress)

"Leveraging the Black Box: Regression Adjustment via Random Forests." (Working Paper)

"How Local Discretion Addresses Competing Allocation Goals: The Case of Small Business Relief Funding." With Rebecca Johnson, Heather Barry Kappes, Crystal C. Hall, Simone Zhang, and Elizabeth Bell. (Under Review)

"Does Performance Feedback Increase Flu-Vaccination Rates? A Cluster Randomized Trial." With Sebastian Jilke, Pompa Debroy, Rebecca Johnson, Michael Wallace, and Vincent Marconi. (Working Paper)

"How Reducing Documentation Burdens Impacts Equity in Program Access: The Case of Small Business Covid-19 Relief Funding." With Elizabeth Bell and Heather Kappes. (Working Paper)

Book Chapters

Williams, Miles D. and Matthew S. Winters. "[The World Bank](#)." Forthcoming in *Handbook of International Organizations: Theories, Concepts, and Empirical Insights*. Eds. Katja Freistein, Julia Leininger, and Silke Weinlich.

Ashley, Jeffrey and Miles Williams. 2018. "[Illinois 10th Congressional District: Re-match in Chicago Suburbs](#)." In *The Roads to Congress 2016*. Eds. S. Foreman and M. Godwin.

Technical Guides

"[Reporting Statistical Results in Text and in Graphs](#)." With Ryan T. Moore and Russell Burnett.

Blogging

I occasionally have contributed to [Religion in Public](#). Select posts include:

"[White, Conservative, Religious...and Aid Skeptical](#)" (January 21, 2021)

"[Do Women Preach Differently than Men?](#)" (June 26, 2019)

"[Welcom the Stranger? Evangelicals' Views on Immigration Prior to Donald Trump](#)" (February 20, 2017)

"[Evangelical Leaders Are as Negative on Immigration and Islam as Donald Trump](#)" (February 13, 2017)

SOFTWARE

Tools

R, RStudio, Latex, Stata, Python

R Packages under Development

[RFA](#) - Implements [random forest adjustment](#) (RFA). RFA is a method for partialing out the influence of confounding covariates via random forests.

[seerrrr](#) - Tools that simplify the process of doing Monte Carlo and computational power analyses.

[SARM](#) - For estimating a modified version of the Strategic Autoregressive Model developed by [Steinwand \(2011\)](#).

[oesr](#) (available soon, with Ryan T. Moore) - For visualizing the results from randomized controlled trials using the Office of Evaluation Sciences' [recommended style guide](#).

TEACHING

Intro to International Relations, Independent Instructor (online) 2021

Intro to Political Science, Teaching Assistant 2017

UIUC Math Camp

Probability in R 2018-2020

Integrals 2020

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| Linear Regression | 2021 |
| GitHub and Version Control | 2021 |

PROFESSIONAL

U.S. Office of Evaluations Sciences, Associate Fellow

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| Methods Specialist | 2020-present |
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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Research Assistant

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| Cara Wong | 2020-present |
| Matthew S. Winters | 2018-2020 |

Eastern Illinois University

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| Research Assistant for Jeffrey Ashley | 2016 |
| Presidential Graduate Assistant | 2015-2016 |

AWARDS AND GRANTS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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|---------------------------------------------------------|------|
| William Bernhard Award for Best Dissertation Prospectus | 2021 |
| Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Excellence | 2018 |

Eastern Illinois University

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| Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award | 2018 |
| Williams Travel Grant | 2016 |

SERVICE

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| <i>International Relations Graduate Workshop, Coordinator</i> | 2020-2021 |
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Graduate Methods Committee

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| Member | 2019-2021 |
| Chair | 2020 |

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| <i>UIUC Political Science Graduate Student Association, Board Member</i> | 2019-2020 |
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